2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to		
3	take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in		
4	response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry		
5	as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta.		
6	WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura made landfall along the coast of Louisiana on August		
7	27, 2020, as a category four storm, becoming the strongest storm in Louisiana history and		
8	causing an estimated ten billion dollars in damage from the southwestern to the northern par		
9	of the state; and		
10	WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura created an estimated one billion six hundred million		
11	dollar loss to the Louisiana agriculture industry, including a loss of one million eight		
12	hundred thousand dollars to the livestock sector alone; and		
13	WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred one thousand poultry, one hundred thirty		
14	cattle, and a dozen horses died as a direct result of the storm and the extreme health and		
15	insect conditions that followed; and		
16	WHEREAS, Louisiana was hit directly by Hurricane Delta on October 9, 2020,		
17	causing more catastrophic damage to many of the same areas of the state as Hurricane Laura;		
18	and		

AGRICULTURE: Memorializes Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta

1	WHEREAS, Hurricane Delta likely created numerous additional losses to the		
2	Louisiana agriculture industry, including livestock, the extent of which will only be known		
3	after surveys and research of the industry can be conducted; and		
4	WHEREAS, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized the Livestock Indemnity Program, with		
5	the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide benefits to eligible livestock owne		
6	or contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible los		
7	conditions, including adverse weather, disease, and attacks; and		
8	WHEREAS, the United States Congress neglected to fund the Livestock Indemnity		
9	Program properly, creating a situation where Louisiana livestock producers are unable t		
10	utilize the program at a time when it is needed most to offset losses created by Hurrican		
11	Laura and Hurricane Delta.		
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby		
13	memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to tak		
14	such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response		
15	the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of		
16	Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta.		
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the		
18	presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the		
19	United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.		

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add provisions that include Hurricane Delta for congressional consideration of fully funding the Livestock Indemnity Program and specify the damage and attributable losses resulting from the storm.